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SUBJECT: Comments on NITS: Terrorism

1. [redacted] a few minor points worth adding, most of them in the nature of updating a draft which relies heavily on judgments made about the terrorist situation as it existed at the time of last year's SNIE (May).

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2. Developments since that time justify these additions:

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-- Ties among various terrorist groups in the Near East and Western Europe appear to be on the rise, and it is possible that some moves may be made toward occasional operational cooperation.

-- [redacted] foreign entities may try to make use of American, as well as foreign, agents in attacks against US officials and facilities, at home and abroad.

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3. Additionally, the section needs more emphasis than is now given--a quick sideswipe--to the question of the USSR's relationships with the purely terrorist groups: The Italian Red Brigades, the West German Red Army Faction, et al.

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4. The section's penultimate paragraph promises more than intelligence will almost certainly be able to deliver. This promise deserves softening.

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NOTE FOR: Vice Chairman, NIC

Dick,

Several months ago the NIC was good enough to help us in framing the present set of NITs of Current Interest. I need your help again and hope that we can keep it as painless as the last exercise. Attached are the NIT responses that I discussed with you on Friday. They are the result of an interagency (CIA, DIA, State, NSA) effort which we have intentionally kept as low key and informal as possible. It would be inappropriate, however, to send the package forward to the DCI as a community product without benefit of a NIC input.

I know that some NIOs and other NIC people have been consulted or otherwise involved, but it has been entirely hit or miss. I would like to be able to tell the DCI that the NIC is in agreement with the substance of the answers. This does not mean that individual NIOs have to agree that the NIT itself is a good question or that the best possible way to answer it has been chosen. But, we sure don't want to go forward with anything that is egregiously wrong.

For several reasons--including the high perishability of some of the answers--I would appreciate moving this along as quickly as possible.

COB 24 March would be helpful, but if that is too unrealistic, please let me know.

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